New Dispensaries under ISM&H

2855. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is functioning independently for expansion and development of Ayurvedic / Homoeopathy / Unani / Siddha and Naturopathy systems of Medicine in the country;

(b) if so, the system-wise details of the number of each dispensary opened by the Department since its establishment upto 30th June, 2000; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy has the responsibility to develop and propagate the recognised systems of Indian medicine which *inter-alia* includes upgrading educational standards, supporting intra-mural and extra-mural research, quality control of drugs and drug standardisation, encouraging the use of good quality raw material and helping to enhance its availability etc.

(b) Health being a State subject, State Governments and Union Territories establish dispensaries keeping in view their needs, interse priorities and financial resources.

(c) Does not arise.

Leprosy Eradication in Bihar

2856. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of leprosy patients detected so far in Bihar, district-wise;

(b) what medical facilities are being provided to them by the Central / State Governments; and

(c) the details of success of the National Leprosy Eradication Programme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The district-wise